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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 21 July 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

As applicant's representative correctly points out in the Remarks accompanying the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312, in a previous conversation (6/16/06) the examiner and applicant's representative agreed that the grammar of the specification at page 4 clearly includes aryl as a possible R2. However, upon careful review of the prosecution and search histories in response to the 312 amendment, it becomes clear that the amendment considerably broadens the scope of the independent claim and as such cannot be entered. The subject matter of this increased scope has neither been searched, nor even contemplated during the course of prosecution, because the grammar of the pertinent clause in the independent claim quite clearly (and consistently throughout prosecution) does not contemplate aryl as anything other than a substituent on R2 - despite the grammar used in the specification.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

